COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (currently amended): A method for execution by a server on a network for supplying music piece data file to a client terminal, said method comprising:

receiving, from said client terminal, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

~~on the basis of said first request information received from said client terminal,~~ transmitting, to said client terminal, musical score data derived from a desired music piece data file corresponding to the desired single music piece designated by said first request information received from said client terminal, the musical score data including a series of musical score display ~~information~~ event data for displaying an entire ~~time-length~~ musical score of the desired single music piece, so that the entire ~~time-length~~ musical score of the desired single music piece ~~can be~~ is displayed ~~on~~ in said client terminal on the basis of the ~~display information~~ musical score data, wherein the desired music piece data file includes playback data for reproducing the desired single music piece and said musical score data, and wherein the playback data includes setting information and a series of reproduction event data;

receiving, from said client terminal, second request information designating a desired ~~time~~ portion of the entire musical score of the ~~displayed~~ music piece displayed in said client terminal, said desired ~~time~~ portion being selected, by a user of said client terminal, from the displayed entire musical score ~~time-length~~ of the ~~desired single~~ music piece;

on the basis of the desired ~~a complete~~ music piece data file ~~corresponding to said desired single music piece~~ and in accordance with said second request information received from said

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client terminal, creating a partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired time-portion designated by said second request information, the partial music piece data file including entire setting information having entirety of the setting information of the playback data copied therein, partial playback data having a series of partial reproduction event data extracted partially from the series of reproduction event data of the playback data, and partial musical score data having a series of partial musical score display event data extracted partially from the series of musical score display event data of the musical score data;

on the basis of said second request information, determining a selling price of the created partial music piece data file, wherein said selling price of the created partial music piece data file being to be less than a selling price of the complete desired music piece data file, and wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data is being dependent upon one of a length and a location of said the designated desired time-portion; and

transmitting the created partial music piece data file to the client terminal.

Claim 41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 40 wherein said server includes a storage device for storing a complete music piece data file corresponding to the desired single music piece.

Claim 43 (canceled)

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Claim 44 (currently amended): A method for execution by a client apparatus on a network to receive a̲ music piece data file via the network from a server, said method comprising:

transmitting, to said server, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

receiving, from said server, musical score data including a series of musical score display event data ~~information~~ for displaying an entire musical score ~~time length~~ of the desired single music piece, the musical score data being derived from a desired music piece data file provided in said server and corresponding to the desired single music piece, the desired music piece data file including playback data for reproducing the desired single music piece and said musical score data, wherein the playback data including setting information and a series of reproduction event data;

displaying the entire musical score ~~time length~~ of the desired single music piece on the basis of the ~~display information~~ musical score data;

receiving user's selection ~~designating~~ of̲ a desired ~~time~~ portion designated from the displayed entire musical score of the desired single music piece ~~from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece~~ and transmitting, to said server, second request information indicating the designated desired ~~time~~ portion,

wherein said server creates a̲ partial music piece data file corresponding to the designated desired ~~time~~ portion on the basis of the desired ~~a complete~~ music piece data file ~~corresponding to said desired single music piece~~ and in accordance with the transmitted second request information, the partial music piece data file including entire setting information having entirety of the setting information of the playback data copied therein, partial playback data having a

series of partial reproduction event data extracted partially from the series of reproduction event data of the playback data, and partial musical score data having a series of partial musical score display event data extracted partially from the series of musical score display event data of the musical score data,

~~and~~ wherein said server determines a selling price of the created partial music piece data file ~~such that said selling price of the created partial music piece data file is~~ to be less than a selling price of the ~~complete~~ desired music piece data file, and

wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data file is dependent upon one of a length and a location of ~~said~~ the designated desired ~~time~~ portion;

~~a step of~~ inputting billing-related information and transmitting the billing-related information to said server ~~apparatus~~ to thereby effect purchase of ~~said created partial music piece data file corresponding to~~ the ~~designated~~ desired ~~time~~ portion designated from the displayed entire musical score of the desired single music piece; and

~~a step of~~ receiving, from said server, said ~~created~~ partial music piece data file created by ~~from~~ said server and corresponding to the desired portion designated by said second request information.

Claims 45-46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (previously presented): A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the predetermined billing-related information is at least one of a credit card number, an address to which an application form for remittance is to be sent, and user information for use of electronic money.

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Claims 48-49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (currently amended): A server apparatus for supplying music piece data file to a

client terminal, said apparatus comprising a programmed processor device for executing the

steps of:

receiving, from said client terminal, first request information designating a desired single

music piece;

~~on the basis of said first request information received from said client terminal,~~

transmitting, to said client terminal, musical score data derived from a desired music piece data

file corresponding to the desired single music piece designated by said first request information

received from said client terminal, the musical score data including a series of musical score

display ~~information~~ event data for displaying an entire ~~time length~~ musical score of the desired

single music piece so that the entire ~~time length~~ musical score of the desired single music piece

~~can be~~ is displayed ~~on~~ in said client terminal on the basis of the ~~display information~~ musical

score data, the desired music piece data file including playback data for reproducing the desired

single music piece and said musical score data, wherein the playback data including setting

information and a series of reproduction event data;

receiving, from said client terminal, second request information designating a desired

~~time~~ portion of the entire musical score of the ~~displayed~~ music piece displayed in said client

terminal, said desired ~~time~~ portion being selected, by a user of said client terminal, from the

displayed entire musical score ~~time length~~ of the ~~desired single~~ music piece;

on the basis of the desired ~~a complete~~ music piece data file ~~corresponding to said desired~~

~~single music piece~~ and in accordance with said second request information received from said

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client terminal, creating ~~a~~ partial music piece data file corresponding to the desired ~~time~~ portion designated by said second request information, the partial music piece data file including entire setting information having entirety of the setting information of the playback data copied therein; partial playback data having a series of partial reproduction event data extracted partially from the series of reproduction event data of the playback data, and partial musical score data having a series of partial musical score display event data extracted partially from the series of musical score display event data of the musical score data;

on the basis of said second request information, determining a selling price of the created partial music piece data file, ~~wherein said selling price of the created partial music piece data file being~~ to be less than a selling price of the ~~complete~~ desired music piece data file, ~~and wherein~~ the selling price of the created partial music piece data ~~is~~ being dependent upon one of a length and a location of the designated ~~said~~ desired ~~time~~ portion; and

transmitting the created partial music piece data file to the client terminal.

Claims 51 (currently amended): A client apparatus operatively coupled to a network for receiving a~~_~~ music piece data file via the network from a server, said client apparatus operatively coupled to a display device and an input device, said client apparatus comprising a programmed processor device programmed to execute the steps of:

transmitting, to said server, first request information designating a desired single music piece;

receiving, from said server, _musical score data including a series of musical score_ display event data ~~information~~ for displaying an entire _musical score_ ~~time length~~ of the desired single music piece on the display device_, the musical score data being derived from a desired music piece data file provided in said server and corresponding to the desired single music piece, the desired music piece data file including playback data for reproducing the desired single music piece and said musical score data, wherein the playback data including setting information and a series of reproduction event data;_

displaying on the display device the entire _musical score_ ~~time length~~ of the desired single music piece on the basis of the ~~display information~~ _musical score data;_

~~in response to~~ _receiving user's selection,_ ~~an input signal received from the~~ _through_ said input device, ~~designating~~ _of_ a desired ~~time~~ portion _designated from the displayed entire musical score_ of the desired single music piece ~~from the displayed entire time length of the desired single music piece~~ and transmitting, to said server, second request information indicating the designated desired ~~time~~ portion,

wherein said server creates a~~_~~ partial music piece data file corresponding to the _designated_ desired ~~time~~ portion on the basis of _the desired_ ~~a complete~~ music piece data file ~~corresponding to said desired single music piece~~ and in accordance with the transmitted second request

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information, the partial music piece data file including entire setting information having entirety of the setting information of the playback data copied therein, partial playback data having a series of partial reproduction event data extracted partially from the series of reproduction event data of the playback data, and partial musical score data having a series of partial musical score display event data extracted partially from the series of musical score display event data of the musical score data,

~~and~~ wherein said server determines a selling price of the created partial music piece data file ~~such that said selling price of the created partial music piece data file is~~ to be less than a selling price of the ~~complete~~ desired music piece data file, and

wherein the selling price of the created partial music piece data file is dependent upon one of a length and a location of the designated ~~said~~ desired ~~time~~ portion;

receiving from said input device billing-related information; ~~and~~

transmitting the billing-related information to said server to thereby effect purchase of ~~said created partial music piece data file corresponding to~~ the ~~designated~~ desired ~~time~~ portion designated from the displayed entire musical score of the desired single music piece; and

receiving, from said server, said ~~created~~ partial music piece data file created by ~~from~~ said server and corresponding to the desired portion designated by said second request information.

Claims 52-55 (canceled)

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